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SUBJECT: PRG ISSUE AT SECOND SESSION OF CONFERENCE ON
LAW OF WAR

REF: ROME 897

1. TO DATE PROBABLY ATTITUDES OF OTHER EC STATES REPORTED
IN RESPONSE TO STATE 8673 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. SUPPORT APPLICATION OF RULE 32 (TWO-THIRDS VOTE
REQUIRED TO RECONSIDER): BELGIUM, IRELAND,
NETHERLANDS, U.K., LUXEMBOURG.

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B. UNCERTAIN ON PROCEDURE: DENMARK.

C. OPPOSE INVITING PRG TO PARTICIPATE: BELGIUM, U.K.,
LUXEMBOURG.

D. ABSTAIN ON INVITATION ISSUE: IRELAND, NETHERLANDS,
DENMARK.

2. WHILE WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED RESPONSES FROM REST, WE
POINT OUT THAT LAST YEAR FRG OPPOSED INVITING PRG AND FRANCE
ABSTAINED. WE EXPECT FRG TO SUPPORT USG POSITION AGAIN AND
WE EXPECT FRANCE TO ABSTAIN AGAIN.

3. IN VIEW OF PROBABLE SUPPORT OF USG POSITION ON PROCEDURE
BY 6 OF EC 9, ITALY SHOULD HAVE NO SECOND THOUGHTS ON THIS.

4. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT LAST YEAR'S SPLIT AMONG EC COUN-
TRIES BETWEEN OPPOSITION TO PRG INVITATION AND ABSTENTION
(PARA 27 OF STATE 8673) WILL PROBABLY BE REPEATED ON BASIS
OF OUR NEW SOUNDINGS, YOU CAN SUGGEST AGAIN TO GOI FONMIN
THAT THEY CAN SAFELY EXPECT GOOD EC COMPANY IF THEY DECIDE
TO SUPPORT USG POSITION. YOU SHOULD CONVEY TO ITALIANS
THAT USG CONSIDERS THEIR SUPPORT ON THIS ISSUE EXTREMELY
IMPORTANT. USG WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY UNDERSTANDING A
SECOND ITALIAN ABSTENTION. INGERSOLL

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